

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (*Original*) A gliding apparatus comprising:

- a support surface provided to support a rider's two feet;
- a gliding surface provided to glide along a surface;
- said support and gliding surfaces being opposite one to the other providing a spacing therebetween;
- said support and gliding surfaces substantially having the same length;
- said support surface being wider than said gliding surface; and
- a closed volume is demarcated between said support and gliding surfaces.

Claim 2. (*Original*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

- a first shovel of the support surface and a first shovel of the gliding surface meet;
- a second shovel of the support surface and a second shovel of the gliding surface meet;
- a first lateral side edge connects a first edge of the gliding surface to a connecting surface of the support surface; and
- a second lateral side edge connects a second edge of the gliding surface to the connecting surface of the support surface.

Claim 3. (*Original*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein:

- the first and second shovels are respectively tangent one to the other and coupled one to the other.

Claim 4. (*Currently Amended*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein:
each of the shovels has the first shovel comprises a curved portion having center(s)
of curvature on the side of a top of the support surface.

Claim 5. (*Original*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:
a support cover is affixed to a top of the support surface.

Claim 6. (*Original*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:
longitudinal grooves are provided on a side of a bottom of the gliding surface.

Claim 7. (*Original*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 6, wherein:
the grooves extend both along a central portion and partially at least along the
shovels of the gliding surface.

Claim 8. (*Original*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 6, wherein:
said longitudinal grooves are constituted by three grooves.

Claim 9. (*Original*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein:
the gliding apparatus has two main portions, said two main portions comprising a
first portion having the support surface, the lateral side edges, and the gliding surface, the
support surface having an opening, and a second portion comprising a cover for closing the
opening.

Claim 10. (*Withdrawn*) A gliding apparatus according to claim one of claims 2, wherein:
the gliding apparatus has two main portions, said two main portions comprising a first portion having the gliding surface and the lateral side edges, and a second portion formed by the support surface.

Claim 11. (*Withdrawn*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein:
the gliding apparatus has two main portions, said two main portions comprising a first portion being the gliding surface, the second portion being the support surface, said two main portions being affixed one to the other by an intermediary layer that extends between the surfaces, opposite the gliding surface.

Claim 12. (*New*) A gliding apparatus comprising:
a support surface provided to support a rider's two feet;
a gliding surface provided to glide along a surface;
said support and gliding surfaces being opposite one to the other providing a spacing therebetween;
said support surface having opposed lateral edges projecting transversely beyond said gliding surface; and
a closed volume demarcated between said support and gliding surfaces.

Claim 13. (*New*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 12, wherein:

a first shovel of the support surface and a first shovel of the gliding surface meet;

a second shovel of the support surface and a second shovel of the gliding surface meet;

a first lateral side edge connects a first edge of the gliding surface to a connecting surface of the support surface; and

a second lateral side edge connects a second edge of the gliding surface to the connecting surface of the support surface.

Claim 14. (*New*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 13, wherein:

the first and second shovels are respectively tangent one to the other and coupled one to the other.

Claim 15. (*New*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 13, wherein:

each of the shovels has a curved portion having center(s) of curvature on the side of a top of the support surface.

Claim 16. (*New*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 12, wherein:

a support cover is affixed to a top of the support surface.

Claim 17. *(New)* A gliding apparatus according to claim 12, wherein:

longitudinal grooves are provided on a side of a bottom of the gliding surface.

Claim 18. *(New)* A gliding apparatus according to claim 17, wherein:

the grooves extend both along a central portion and partially at least along the shovels of the gliding surface.

Claim 19. *(New)* A gliding apparatus according to claim 17, wherein:

said longitudinal grooves are constituted by three grooves.

Claim 20. *(New)* A gliding apparatus according to claim 13, wherein:

the gliding apparatus has two main portions, said two main portions comprising a first portion having the support surface, the lateral side edges, and the gliding surface, the support surface having an opening, and a second portion comprising a cover for closing the opening.

Claim 21. *(New)* A gliding apparatus according to claim 13, wherein:

the gliding apparatus has two main portions, said two main portions comprising a first portion having the gliding surface and the lateral side edges, and a second portion formed by the support surface.

Claim 22. *(New)* A gliding apparatus according to claim 13, wherein:

the gliding apparatus has two main portions, said two main portions comprising a first portion being the gliding surface, the second portion being the support surface, said two main portions being affixed one to the other by an intermediary layer that extends between the surfaces, opposite the gliding surface.

Claim 23. *(New)* A gliding apparatus according to claim 12, wherein:

said support and gliding surfaces substantially have the same length.

Claim 24. *(New)* A gliding apparatus comprising:

a support surface provided to support a rider's two feet;

a gliding surface provided to glide along a surface;

said support and gliding surfaces being opposite one to the other providing a spacing therebetween;

said support and gliding surfaces substantially having the same length;

in transverse cross section said support surface extends from a first lateral edge, through a central portion, to an opposite second lateral edge;

with said gliding surface being supported upon a horizontal surface, said first and second lateral edges being spaced vertically from said gliding surface no less than said central portion of said support surface is spaced vertically from said gliding surface; and

a closed volume demarcated between said support and gliding surfaces.

Claim 25. *(New)* A gliding apparatus according to claim 24, wherein:

with said gliding surface being supported upon a horizontal surface, said first and second lateral edges are spaced vertically from said gliding surface greater than said central portion of said support surface is spaced vertically from said gliding surface.

Claim 26. *(New)* A gliding apparatus according to claim 24, wherein:

said support and gliding surfaces substantially have the same length.

Claim 27. *(New)* A gliding apparatus comprising:

a support surface provided to support a rider's two feet;

a gliding surface provided to glide along a surface;

said support and gliding surfaces being opposite one to the other providing a spacing therebetween;

said support and gliding surfaces substantially having the same length;

said support surface being wider than said gliding surface;

said support surface having a first shovel and a second shovel;

said gliding surface having a first shovel and a second shovel; and

a closed volume demarcated between said support and gliding surfaces.

Claim 28. *(New)* A gliding apparatus according to claim 27, wherein:

said support surface has opposed lateral edges projecting transversely beyond said gliding surface.